

## News Notes

**Recognition** – The 15th Airlift Wing commander wants to thank the members of Team Hickam who go above and beyond in improving the quality of life at Hickam.

Anyone who identifies facility problems, or who takes the time to improve some part of our installation is eligible for coupons good at various Services outlets. For more information contact Joel Shaw at 448-1575.

**Scholarship** – The Gen. Henry H. Arnold Education Grant is available to Air Force dependents accepted to or attending college in the mainland for the academic year 2006-2007.

The application deadline is Mar. 10. For more information, call Merlyn Bacungan at 449-0300.

**Academy briefing** – There will be a briefing on the U.S. Air Force Academy for all interested people March 10 at 1 p.m. in Hangar 2, Room 126. Col. (ret.) Lawrence Roller, the Academy admissions liaison officer, will show a video and present information for members interested in attending the Academy.

This briefing is in addition to the regular commissioning briefing given the first Friday of every month. For more information or to sign up, call 449-6363.

**Dining Out** – The Univ. of Hawaii's ROTC program will host a Dining Out and Alumni reunion Mar. 4.

To reserve a seat at the event, send an email [levien@hawaii.edu](mailto:levien@hawaii.edu) by Tuesday.

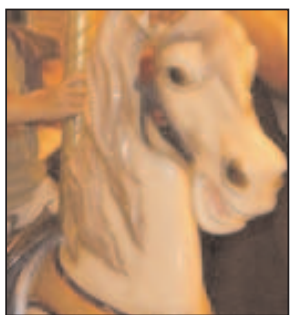
**Poetry contest** – Hickam residents can win \$1,000 by writing a poem. Hollywood's Famous Poets Society is sponsoring a new poetry contest that is open to everyone.

To enter a poem of 21 lines or less, mail the poem to:

Free Poetry Contest  
1626 N. Wilcox Ave.  
#126

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# Second C-17 arrived here Tuesday

By Staff Sgt. Laurence Bejerana  
154th Wing Public Affairs

The Hawaii Air National Guard hosted the celebration and arrival of Hickam's second C-17 Globemaster III cargo aircraft here Tuesday.

Hickam 2 touched down as scheduled following the inaugural flight from Boeing's plant in Long Beach, CA boarded by members of the Hawaii National Guard, 15th Airlift Wing and a number of civic leaders including two Medal of Honor recipients.

"I'm sure the community leaders who joined me on this inaugural flight were absolutely impressed with the tremendous capability of this aircraft," said Maj. Gen. Robert F. Lee, adjutant general of Hawaii National Guard.

I have witnessed a first-class team coming over today with 15th Airlift Wing and 154th Wing members working seamlessly together, said Maj. Gen. Lee. "I know when all the



Photo by Senior Airman Linda Kephart

The second C-17 assigned to Hickam arrived from the second of eight C-17 Globemaster III's coming to Boeing's Long Beach, Calif., plant Tuesday. This is Hickam.

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# Iowa Air Guard members come to train

By Lt. Col. Dyann Edwards  
132nd Fighter Wing  
Public Affairs

For 170 members of the Iowa Air National Guard's 132nd Fighter Wing, traveling to Hickam AFB is about training and working with their active duty and Guard counterparts. A wonderful fringe benefit is the opportunity to leave the cold and snow for a great annual training deployment.

The Iowa Guard men and women began their training Feb. 13, and will conclude it today. The majority of the members are from the mission support group and wing staff areas, with a small contin-

gent from the aircraft maintenance and medical areas as well.

Maj. Gen. Ron Dardis, Adjutant General of Iowa, commented, "This deployment has been a tremendous opportunity for the members of the 132nd to learn about the Pacific Air Forces Area of Responsibility, as well as the missions of the 15th Airlift Wing and the 154th Wing of the Hawaii Air National Guard."

While at Hickam they have worked and trained in a variety of areas including the Hale Aina Dining Facility, the base fitness center, the chaplain, force protection, judge advocate,

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Photos by Senior Airman Linda Kephart

(Above) Fitness retail manager, Bob Cothren (right) gets a hand from members of the 132nd Services Flight during the demolition phase of the fitness center's juice bar renovation project. 132nd members included (left to right), Staff Sgt. Lee Drinkwell, Tech. Sgt. Douglas May, Jr., and Master Sgt. Melody LeMoine.

# Hickam Airman helps boy hit by rolling tire

By Kirsten Tacker  
Kukini Photojournalist

Staff Sgt. James Ash, 15th Medical Support Squadron was on his way to work Feb. 8, when he pulled over to help a 5-year-old boy traumatically injured from a boat trailer tire that broke loose.

In front of Navy Hale Keiki School, Sergeant Ash from his vehicle could see a woman holding a boy with others huddled around.

What he didn't see was an ambulance or anyone giving first aid. Trained in basic self-aid and buddy care, Sergeant Ash knew he could help.

"When I got over to the scene, the mother was holding him, so I couldn't see what was going on," said Sergeant Ash. "I told her I work in the medical group over here on Hickam. You have to at least let me see him, so we can find out if he's okay and that it isn't really serious."

There was an Army woman that

showed up right before Sergeant Ash, she helped by placing the boy on her BDU jacket down in the grass right next to the pavement.

It was prime school time. All the parents were dropping their kids off and coming out of the parking lot. The principal came out to make sure everyone was okay and directed traffic. Traffic was a mess according to Sergeant Ash.

"The boy's whole face was just covered with blood," said Sergeant Ash. "I thought when I first got there that I would have been scared or panicked, but it was like a rush all of a sudden. All of the medical knowledge I have ever been given just kind of all came back at once."

Sergeant Ash had someone stabilize the boy's neck to make sure if there was a neck injury, he was not to be moved around.

"Then we had someone pull the mother away to talk to her and calm

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# Hickam Airmen help fight war on terror

By Tech Sgt. Chris Vadnais  
Air Force Print News

Tech. Sgt. Michael Henry works on the front lines of the war on terror – right here at Hickam.

Soon after a Predator Unmanned Aerial Vehicle takes off from Balad Air Base, Iraq, a pilot at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada takes control of it, and an imagery specialist operates its camera. The images that camera picks up are then fed to one of five distributed ground stations, where intelligence imagery analysts can process the images. Hickam AFB hosts the newest DGS.

"The reach back capability that we represent is amazing," TSgt Henry said. "The aircraft is actually flying in one country, we're flying it out of another country, and then we're exploiting [the images] somewhere completely different."

Imagery analysts like Senior Airman Joshua Stimmel use advanced communication and imagery technologies to make life in the desert a little bit safer for those on the ground.

"I've got friends that are over in the sandbox," said Airman Stimmel. "Knowing that what you're doing on a daily basis could be supporting them or their unit helps you keep everything in perspective."

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles represent a new way of using technology to remotely affect the battlefield, and DGS crews see that in action.

"The first time we're watching an infiltration or exfiltration and you're watching our guys go in, it really brings it home."

It takes a global team to fight the war on terror, and Hickam's DGS is proving to be a powerful addition to that team.



# SECAF writes letter to Airmen on values

By Honorable Michael W. Wynne  
Secretary of the Air Force

I continue to be honored to serve with you as Secretary of this great Air Force. Whether on the ground, in air or space, or on the new frontier of cyberspace - and whether you wear uniforms or civilian clothes - you respond to daily challenges that embody our core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do.

These core values should reflect the values we share from the moment we take our oath to support and defend the constitution. We must continue to reflect on these values, linked to that oath. Sharing my thoughts in this note is part of that ongoing process.

Integrity First reminds us we must "walk the talk" - our words and actions must be integrated in our lives. It reminds us of Thomas Jefferson's concept of moral muscles - that we build and strengthen our character through the daily exercise of words, actions and decisions. Integrity first means not only physical courage, but moral courage as well, so that we sometimes stand up by speaking up. It means being loyal to our friends, to each other - by being loyal to our oath, our Air Force, and our Nation.

Service Before Self is not the same as "service," a value also claimed by some civilian institutions and corporations. Our Service

requires sacrifice and commitment to our Nation. We understand we make decisions in an environment where freedoms are on the line, and lives are at stake. Service Before Self begins with duty, but it means more. It means that, in our Air Force, as we fly and fight in war and peace, going above-and-beyond-the-call-of-duty is not the exception - it is the rule.

Excellence in All We Do reminds us, at the most basic level, of the old "Hometown Newspaper Test" - imagining our parents reading about our actions, and wanting them to be proud. But it also includes the military concept of honor - knowing our actions reflect on all Airmen - and on the Air Force itself. It reminds us that we stand on the shoulders of giants: heroes like Billy Mitchell, and Doolittle, Spaatz, and Rickenbacker; heroes who faced and beat incredible odds. We have inherited a history of excellence, courage and greatness. We must live up to that heritage, become part of it, and pass it on.

All Airmen are men and women of character. Our enduring Air Force Core Values provide a touchstone as we rise to meet current and future challenges, threats, and opportunities. As America's Airmen, it is imperative that we maintain the moral high ground - our nation depends on it. I thank all of you for your contributions and sacrifices. I salute you!

# Commitment to values

By Col. Bill Changose  
15th Airlift Wing commander

As members of the United States Air Force we pride ourselves on our ability to live the core values of our service, Integrity First, Service Before Self, Excellence in All We Do. These are the values we stand for, they guide our decisions and our actions. In the adjacent article, Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne described these values as the basis of our ability to meet challenges now and in the future. The Core Values are more than words, they must be internalized for us all to truly realize the value they add to our day to day business.

When I step into a room, any room on Hickam Air Force Base, there are certain things I can take for granted. The people seated around me will be people of honor. They will be competent, they will be honest, and they will be equally as dedicated in accomplishing the mission. This does not happen accidentally. This happens because every day you come to work, you reinforce the ideals of service.

The Air Force Core Values serve as our common denominator. Whether on the front gate of Hickam, dropping cargo from a C-17, or treating a patient, we all maintain a com-



Photo by Angela Elbern

Col. Bill "Goose" Changose, 15th Airlift Wing commander, hands a prize to Airman 1st Class Tela Anderson, 15th Security Forces Squadron, during the carnival.

mon commitment to duty and service. This is the steel that binds us together. It is what makes us the best Air Force in the world. Crewmembers don't have to go to the backshops to know the maintainers are doing everything they can to make the aircraft safe to fly, family members don't have to review building plans to know the engineers are getting us the facilities we need, and We don't have to wonder whether the people we see every day are

dedicated and capable of doing their jobs. I know all the right things are happening because this is the result of the members of Team Hickam believing in, and internalizing our core values. We are a team that gets things done and gets them done right. We will have opportunities to shine and adherence to our core values will be the reason we excel. Be safe Sky Warriors, and have a great weekend.

## Action Line

The Action Line is your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. I urge you to use the normal chain of command first.

If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call. If you would like me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

### Main gate entry

**Comment:** I am writing this to describe the frustration I experienced when I went to Hickam Air Force Base main gate to pick up my daughter and her friend following their volunteer stint at Saturday's (12/3) Special Olympics bowling event. They are students at Kapolei High School and members of the National Honor Society but were helping another school club to volunteer at this event.

I had dropped them off around 3 p.m. with no problem earlier in the day, but my daughter had forgotten to give me the yellow "pass" after I left. We had arranged for me to pick them up at the end of their volunteer shift around 5:30 or 6:00 pm. When I came to pick them up, I could not get past the main gate because I did not have the pass. I called my daughter and she said there was no one at the event who could help them (the adults had already left).

The guard at the main gate would not even call the bowling alley or see if anyone could possibly bring my daughter and

her friend to the main gate. Fortunately, there was one friend at the event who had a parent who had military base access, and they were waiting for the parent, who was coming in from Kapolei.

I ended up waiting more than 45 minutes at the main gate while waiting for my daughter and her friend to come out from the bowling alley. I realize the concern over security, but I believe the Air Force can come up with better rules to handle situations like this. I am also concerned that the adults at the event would leave and not see that minor children who volunteer at these events are taken care of in terms of having someone to pick them up, especially at a military base where security is a concern. I had to drop my daughter's friend at a relative's house, and they were also waiting for her, and I was headed into town and got caught in the traffic mess caused by the Honolulu City Lights event. So you can see it was a frustrating night overall for me and my daughter, who was trying to do a good deed by volunteering for this Special Olympic event. The frustration could have been lessened a lot if someone on the base could simply have transported two high school volunteers from the bowling alley to the main gate when one of their parents came to pick them up.

**Response:** I apologize. Although the personnel at the main gate were procedurally correct we did not live up to our customer service standards. We should have been more proactive and provided the necessary assistance in getting your daughter from the Bowling Center to the main gate. Security Forces personnel have contacted the AKAL security contract supervisor and briefed them on the situation so incidents of this nature won't

happen in the future.

I thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. I can assure you that as we plan for the event next year we will make arrangements to prevent a recurrence. I applaud your daughter's volunteer spirit and your support of her volunteer activities.

I hope this incident does not dissuade her from volunteering for future events and we hope she will return to provide her support again next year. Hickam base police are committed to preventing traffic violations and crimes on the installation, however, they should also be providing the best possible customer service not only to the Hickam Community, but also any visitors to the base.

If a situation arises which requires attention please contact Security Forces Law Enforcement Desk at 449-2677. Again, please accept my apologies.

### Overgrown foliage

**Comment:** My concern is in regards to the overgrown foliage by the Channel Memorial near the Hickam Officer's Club. Many years ago somebody pulled the shrubs particularly this nice tree stuff. Now there are bushes that grow all over the place and it's probably damaging the sea wall.

I believe the bushes were cut back a little less than 2 years ago and I believe it's time for them to be cut back again. I think it's a shame as this is a great viewing spot and here you have overgrown large bushes that detract from the appearance.

Could you please have something done about this. Thank you.

**Response:** Thank you for bringing this

to my attention. You were absolutely correct with your assessment as the hedges were overgrown and needed to be weeded and trimmed. The grounds contractor has taken appropriate action and the area has been weeded and the hedges have been trimmed.

They will also ensure that additional attention is given to this area in the future. We encourage anyone to call CE 24 hour Customer Service @449-9951/52 to report anything that looks out of the ordinary from overgrown shrubs to broken sprinkler heads to excessive watering.

Also, our grounds contractor has a direct "Customer Concern" hotline @422-8383. Once again, thanks for your concern and your help in keeping Hickam the "Pearl of the Pacific".

### Kudos

**Comment:** I owe a huge thanks to a Team Hickam member but unfortunately I don't know who it is. On 21 Dec, my daughter was on her way to do some Christmas shopping and left her wallet at the bus stop across from the Hickam Fitness Center.

Thankfully, someone turned the wallet into the fitness center staff and we got everything back. I cannot tell you how thankful we are for this person's honesty. To the person who found my daughters wallet, thank you and happy holidays!

**Response:** Thanks for sharing this act of kindness and integrity. Whoever you are, I, along with the rest of Team Hickam thank you for your honesty. It's obvious that your reward was the fact you were able to help someone else. I'm proud you're a member of Team Hickam.

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### Crisis Response lines

Hickam Family Support Center  
449-0300  
Life Skills Support Center  
449-0175  
Law Enforcement Desk  
449-6373  
Base Chaplain  
449-1754  
Military Family Abuse Shelter  
533-7125  
SARC Hotline  
449-7272



## GUARD, From A1



Photos by Senior Airman Linda Kephart

(Left) Members of the 132nd Fighter Wing, (left to right), Master Sgt. Tim Shuster, Staff Sgt. Joe Sherrard, Master Sgt. Ken Adkins, and Tech. Sgt. Chad Chatham, fire during weapons qualification. The airmen utilized the computerized Firearms Training System located at the 154th Air Wing.

military equal opportunity, public affairs, and public health offices. On the Air National Guard side, members have had the opportunity to train with counterparts in aircraft maintenance, communications, finance, logistics readiness, personnel, and security forces.

“Working with and learning from their counterparts will assist our members in performing their jobs more efficiently and effectively,” said Col. Gregory Schwab, 132nd Fighter Wing commander. “We truly appreciate the hospitality extended to us by our active duty and Guard counterparts here at Hickam.”

The 132nd Fighter Wing, based in Des Moines, Iowa, is home to more than 1,000 members. Its mission is to provide combat ready forces in support of any federal or state contingency. They fly Block 42 F-16C/D aircraft equipped with the Pratt-Whitney 229 engine.

The Wing has been recognized

frequently for its culture of excellence. They received an overall excellent rating at their October 2004 Operational Readiness Inspection, an achievement that has not been accomplished by another Air Reserve Component fighter wing in the last six years. In addition, their logistics readiness squadron was recently notified that they were selected to receive the ARC Base Logistics Activity of the Year Award.

“Our operations tempo has been extremely high the past three years. We have participated in two Air Expeditionary Forces rotations, two Operational Readiness Exercises and an Operational Readiness Inspection,” said Col. Jennifer Walter, 132nd Mission Support Group commander. “This deployment is not only a great opportunity for us to experience the Total Force, it is also an opportunity to thank our members for their dedication in ensuring the success of our mission.”

# Civil Air Patrol Cadets experience C-17 up close



735th Air Mobility Squadron

Fifty-five members of the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol’s 66th Composite Squadron were led on a tour of a C-17 aircraft Feb. 17.

Capt. Travis Hughes, 735th Air Mobility Squadron, organized a visit to the C-17 and to the Hickam Passenger Terminal Feb. 17 for more than 50 junior and senior cadets of the Civil Air Patrol.

Col. Alan Hunt, 715th Air Mobility Operations Group commander, was the catalyst behind the visit and spoke to the cadets about the real world activities that the C-17 is used for everyday.

“These are our future leaders and the more education we provide them, the better,” said Colonel Hunt.

Along with Colonel Hunt’s presentation, the cadets were also provided an informa-

tive brief on the capabilities of the C-17 by two 735th Air Mobility Squadron Aircraft Maintenance crew chiefs, Staff Sgts. Chris VanParys and Timothy Gunsell.

The highlight of the evening came when each cadet was able to sit in the pilot’s seat and learn about flight deck instruments from one of Hickam’s very own C-17 pilots, Capt. Steve Snelson, 535th Airlift Squadron. The evening ended with a tour of the Hickam Passenger Service Terminal given by 735th AMS’ Passenger Service Agent Senior Airman Christopher Holliday and Passenger Service Flight commander Capt. Chris Cornelius. After the cadets were briefed on AMC travel entitlements and shown how the X-ray machine works the tour was complete and America’s future leaders seemed more than eager to accept the challenges ahead.



Courtesy photo

(Above) Col. Alan Hunt, 715th Air Mobility Group commander, briefs the Civil Air Patrol cadets on the C-17 capabilities. (Left) A senior member of the CAP looks at the flight controls on the C-17 during his visit to Hickam. (Top left) Capt. Steve Snelson, 535th Airlift Squadron, shows the cockpit of the C-17 Globemaster III to Cadet William Hudson.

# C-17’s fly first contingency response mission from here

**By Tech. Sgt. Shane Cuomo**  
Air Force Print News

Active-duty Airmen and Guardsmen from Hawaii are flying a C-17 contingency response mission to support relief efforts in the Philippines.

The split crew of active-duty Airmen from the 535th Airlift Squadron and Guardsmen from the Hawaii Air National Guard’s 204th Airlift Squadron departed Hickam Air Force Base Feb. 20 carrying meals ready to eat, water, cots, tents, heavy equip-

ment and personnel from the Hickam’s 15th Airlift Wing to assist in disaster relief and humanitarian assistance after a massive mudslide in the region Feb. 17.

“This is a great day for Team Hickam and I can’t be more proud,” said Lt. Col. Chris Davis, 535th Airlift Squadron commander. “The 535th and 204th pulled together to make this mission happen all the way from planning to execution. It was truly a total force effort.”

Originally scheduled as a maiden mission with a Hickam C-17, a

Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., C-17 training in Hawaii was quickly substituted for the flight after a maintenance problem was discovered. With time being of the essence and a goal of getting supplies to the Philippines, the mission, regardless of the aircraft’s home base, is still a testament to the new era of airlift capability for Pacific Air Forces.

“We’re in the middle of the Pacific so we have reach in multiple directions,” said Capt. Jason Mills, a C-17 pilot from the 15th Operations Support Squadron who coordinated the short-notice

mission. “From the South Pole to Australia, New Zealand and anywhere in East Asia, our location allows us to respond to typhoons, mudslides, tsunamis and other major contingencies faster, and with a larger airframe we can move more to affected areas with fewer flights.”

The mission came just days after the first of eight Pacific Air Forces C-17s, which will be flown and maintained jointly by active-duty Airmen and Guardsmen, arrived at the base.

“It’s a nice mix. We bring different experiences to the table.

The Guard guys have a lot of flying experience and the active-duty guys have a lot of C-17 experience, so it’s a wonderful mix coming together,” said Lt. Col. Alvin Alana, 204th Airlift Squadron deputy commander. “When you get to do something like this that is helpful, it’s an awesome feeling.”

“I think the message for our allies in the Pacific Rim is that the C-17 is now here at Hickam Air Force Base,” Colonel Davis said. “We’re prepared and ready to operate in the Pacific now and well into the future.”



# Readiness troops equip combat-ready PACAF Airmen

By Master Sgt. Val Gempis  
Air Force Print News

**YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan (AFP)** -- Ensuring the serviceability and availability of more than 400,000 pieces of mobility equipment daily might be a daunting task. But for logistics Airmen providing the correct gear for combat-ready Pacific Air Force troops in training and real-world deployments, it is one of the most rewarding jobs in the world.

“Our mission is important because we help save lives. All our equipment here is in a ready-to-use state since our people can deploy any time,” said Master Sgt. Henry Purvis, chief of the 374th Logistics Readiness Squadron war readiness element.

The seven-person team, composed of five military and two Japanese employees, is the central point for all base mobility operations. They are responsible for an assortment of inventories including weapons and body armor.

They also maintain and track nearly 10,000 general purpose, extreme cold weather and chemical warfare defense ensemble

bags used by the wing and tenant units.

“It is slow and very detailed work. We carefully inspect each item,” said Senior Airman Jamal Johnson, a war readiness technician. Mobility equipment, which is stored in bins and containers, are stack ceiling-high across their 30,000-square-foot warehouse.

The Airmen look closely for cracks, tears, rips and disbanding, especially on protective equipment.

Unit members said ensuring the “shelf life” of their equipment remains good is the most challenging part of their job.

“We keep track of items diligently. Equipment that passed inspection yesterday might be obsolete the next day,” said Tech. Sgt. Max Villacorta, also a war readiness technician.

Items that are expired or not in compliance are replaced or removed, he said. They also use their computer-based mobility inventory control accountability system to relay information to unit deployment managers here on what items need inspected or updated.

“We might not be on the frontline here in the warehouse but it feels great



Photo by Master Sgt. Val Gempis

**YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan (AFP) – Tech. Sgt. Max Villacorta inspects gas masks for serviceability during an inventory. Sergeant Villacorta is a war readiness technician with the 374th Logistics Readiness Squadron. The squadron manages 26,000 critical supplies and equipment.**

to know that our troops are assured that the equipment we give them is in

top working condition if needed,” Sergeant Purvis said.

*Force shaping volunteer application deadline is March 1*

Air Force Personnel Center

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFP)** -- Officers scheduled to meet the 2006 Force Shaping Board have until March 1 to decide if they will leave voluntarily or meet the board.

Officers planning to take advantage of the volunteer program must apply through their military personnel flights before the deadline.

Through the voluntary Force Shaping Program some career fields have already reached their sustainment quota; lieutenants in those Air Force specialties will not meet the board. Those career fields in the 2002 year group are scientist and weather. The 2003 exempted specialties are: intelligence, logistics readiness, civil engineering, acquisitions, contracting, finance, OSI, and communication and information.

The 2006 Force Shaping Board is scheduled to convene at the personnel center April 10 and the board results will be released by June 1. Those not retained will have an automatic date of separation of Sept. 29 unless they apply for an earlier date.

The board will make its determination based on the information in the central selection record. The record contains performance reports, training reports, decorations and the Retention Recommendation Form.

The form, completed by the first O-6 or equivalent in the chain of command, includes a retention recommendation and a statement from the senior rater ranking the eligible officer against others in the same career field and year group.

The selection record will also contain a letter to the board if the officer chooses to submit one. Letters to the board must be received at the personnel center here by 11:59 p.m. Central Standard Time April 9. Instructions for submitting a letter can be found on the Force Shaping Web site.

Force shaping eligibles are encouraged to take advantage of the transition resources available through their family support center whether they decide to voluntarily separate or not.

The latest information on force shaping is at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/forceshaping/shape.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/forceshaping/shape.htm).







**“Cats” Dinner & Theater**

Saturday at Richardson Theater, Fort Shafter. The cost of \$50 per person includes a three-course dinner at the Officers' Club, tickets to the show, transportation to and from the production. Call the Officers' Club at 448 - 4608 for reservations.

**Community Center  
Scrapbook Club  
Workshop**

Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The cost is \$25 for a half-day or \$30 for a full day. Fee includes the use of cropping tools, great handouts and tasty food. Call the Community Center at 449 - 2361.

**Open Water Kayaking in Kaneohe**

Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person. Fee includes transportation, two guides and rental equipment. Bring swimsuit, towel, water, lunch and sunscreen. Call the Outdoor Recreation at 449 - 5215.

**Get On The Ball Workshop**

Mar. 4, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This workshop will teach you how to properly use the Physioball and exercise at home. Cost is \$40 and includes ball and informational handouts. Call the fitness center at 448 -2214.

**Kuli'ou'ou Ridge Hike**

Mar. 5, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person. Fee includes transportation and two guides. This hike climbs a dry, shady ridge to the top of the Ko'olau Range. From the summit lookout are superb views of the windward coast. Bring hiking shoes, lunch, hat and sunscreen. Minimum three per-

sons to a maximum of 12 persons for this trip. Call outdoor recreation at 449 - 5215.

**Snorkeling via Boat**

Mar. 11, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person which includes a boat trip to several snorkeling locations in the Waikiki area with two guides. Bring swim suit, towel, water, lunch, sunscreen and snorkel gear. Three to eight persons for this trip. Call Outdoor Recreation at 449 - 5215.

**Glass Bottom Boat Tour in Kaneohe**

March 18. One hour boat tour on the Coral Queen. The cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child (3 - 11 years old), infants/lap child two years old and below are free. See breathtaking underwater scenery with over 6,000 square inches of glass bottom boat viewing area. The bus departs from the Tickets Office at Hickam AFB to Keehia Boat Harbor in Kaneohe. Call Information

Tickets & Travel at 448 - 2295.

**Ocean Adventure & Snorkel Cruise in Kaneohe**

Mar. 25. The cost is \$25 per person three years and up. Tour includes bus transportation, two hours of ocean adventure, snorkeling gear and a friendly crew to pamper you throughout the cruise. Bring towel, sunscreen, snack and drinks. Explore the coral reef and marine life in the most crystal clear ocean playground in paradise. For more information, call Information Tickets & Travel at 448 - 2295.

**2006 Aloha Classic Basketball Tournament**

April 9 to 15. Cost is \$325 per team. Team and individual awards. Each player receives an Aloha Classic T-shirt. Call the Fitness Center at 448-4640 or email christopher.myers@hicam.af.mil.



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**Services made one Hickam child's day by hosting Denver Broncos Rod Smith the week before the Pro Bowl. Zach Ormond was able to get his autograph on a football.**

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Hollywood, CA 90028  
Contestants can also enter online at *www.famouspoets.com* The deadline for entering is Mar. 18.  
The winners list will be posted online.

**WBU –** Wayland Baptist University offers associates, bachelors and masters degrees in a variety of programs. Registration for the spring term begins Monday. Classes will begin in March and April. For more information, call 422-6777, stop by the office in Hangar 2 or check out the WBU website at *www.wbu.edu/hi*.

Walking to find cure – The National Multiple Sclerosis Society’s Oahu Division Walk-a-thon is set for April 8 at Ala Moana Beach Park. Sign up to volunteer at the event or form or join a walking team. For

more information about volunteer opportunities or about forming a team, contact Master Sgt. Charlotte Jones at 449-8683 or email her at *charlotte.jones@hickam.af.mil*. If someone knows someone who has been affected by MS and would like to share their story and describe how the society has provided support, contact 15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs at 449-666 or sent an email to *hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil*.

**College –** The University of Oklahoma offers a Master of Arts in Managerial Economics. Call 449-6364 for more information.

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planes show up, this will be a tremendous unit.”  
This is the first in the world where the Air National Guard and active duty personnel have teamed up to maintain and fly the \$200 million jet.  
It's been outstanding working with active duty personnel,” said Brig. Gen. Peter Pawling, 154th Wing commander. “In fact, I don't think of them as active duty. I think of them as one team. We're all together making it happen. It's all transparent to me.”  
“It's particularly gratifying to see the C-17 operated as a team by citizen soldiers, the men and women of the Hawaii Air National Guard,” said David Bowman, vice president and program manager for the C-17 program at Boeing.  
With an overall 60/40 split between active duty and Guard, the partnership between the two will

allow ample support for the National Guard's state mission, which distinguishes them from their active duty counterparts.  
“Not only will we use C-17s in a joint manner to support all of our military forces, but in my other responsibility in homeland security, our response in the state of Hawaii is going to be so much improved,” said Maj. Gen. Lee.  
“Our 93rd Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team can take its entire team and all of its equipment on one C-17, fly anywhere within the state of Hawaii and need be, fly throughout the Pacific in case of a biological or nuclear disaster.”  
Maj. Gen. Darryll Wong, Hawaii Air National Guard commander, took the ceremony into perspective and reflected on how a thought became reality. In 1992, the vision of Senator Daniel Inouye and then

Maj. Gen. Edward Richardson, former Adjutant General for the state of Hawaii, thought of bringing C-17s here to Hawaii after visiting the C-17 plant.  
With full support of the congressional staff as well as the Air Force, that vision is now a reality, said General Wong.  
“Its tremendous capabilities encourage us to do things differently, to work with active duty, work with the Guard, to work with other major commands to make this associate unit a reality.”  
Hickam 2 departed Long Beach and flew to Hawaii with a total force – 154th Wing and 15th Airlift Wing – crew. Lt. Col. Michael Compton was the aircraft commander.  
“What a great day this is, celebrating the second C-17 on a ramp here at Hickam, said Bowman. “There's more to come and they're going to come quick.”



*Editor's Note: For complete stories and more information go to [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil)*

## Airmen provide vital support in mudslide relief effort

**ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam (AFPN)** – Airmen from the 36th Expeditionary Contingency Response Group here are working alongside the Filipino government to assess requirements for support of mudslide relief efforts in Leyte, Philippines.

“Opening and securing airfields are the areas of expertise for the 36th ECRG,” said Capt. Kevin Walker, 736th Security Forces Squadron commander. “Members of the 36th ECRG leadership have gone forward to the affected area to assess the situation and find the best ways to bring in support.”

## Global Hawk UAV welcomed home after three-year deployment

**WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFPN)** – After supporting the global war on terror for three years, Global Hawk Unmanned Aerial Vehicle No. 3

(UAV-3) received its official homecoming Feb. 20 when its wheels touched down at 11:30 a.m. Pacific Time at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. During its overseas deployment, UAV-3 logged more than 4,800 flight hours supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and the Combined Task Force --Horn of Africa, Aeronautical Systems Center Public Affairs)

## Civilian sector biggest space customer

**SAN ANTONIO (AFPN)** – The head of Air Force Space Command said people might be surprised to learn that corporate America is the biggest user of Air Force space products.

Gen. Lance W. Lord said the main reason for this is the reliability of space-based assets and because the technologies -- which are giving coalition forces an edge on the global war on terrorism -- can be adapted for use in a variety of civilian applications.

The relationship is lucrative for the civilian sector. The global economic impact of space is an estimated \$209 billion, the general said.

Its use in space transportation, satellite communications, global positioning systems, or GPS, and

## Returning home



Photo by Chad Bellay

**EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif.** – The first deployed Global Hawk unmanned aerial vehicle to return home (UAV-3) landed this morning here, after logging more than 4,800 flight hours in a four-year period, supporting

remote sensing contributed \$91 billion to the global economy in 2003 and involved half a million jobs in the United States alone. Plus, command space acquisitions and operations contribute \$11 billion annually to the U.S. economy. (Story by *Louis A. Arana-Barradas, Air Force Print News*)

## Medical group keeps warfighters in fight

**SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFPN)** – The 379th Expeditionary Medical Group Hospital provides medical care impacting missions well beyond its boundaries, helping warfighters stay in the fight in-theater.

Minor shrapnel and gunshot wounds often prevent a soldier from staying in theater while they recover, so they come this hospital to rest and recuperate.

According to Col. (Dr.) Alan Berg, hospital commander, the hospital receives ill and injured servicemembers from the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan.

This helps relieve the workload at forward medical facilities and returns more soldiers to their units. (Story by *Maj. Ann P. Knabe, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs*)